

BILLS TO INCREASE SALARIES

ONE GIVES POLICE INSPECTORS \$5,000; CAPTAINS \$3,500.

Proposed 20 Per Cent. Increase to State Hospital Men—Bill Increasing St. Louis Fair Appropriation to \$375,000—\$200,000 for Agricultural College.

ALBANY, Feb. 29.—Senator Lewis to-night introduced a bill increasing by about 20 per cent. the salaries of employees in the State hospitals other than nurses and attendants. The salaries of the attendants were increased last year.

A bill introduced by Senator Fitzgerald provides that the owner of a piece of real estate who has received from a title guarantee corporation a certificate insuring the title thereto, may pass such certificate if the property is again transferred so as to render it unnecessary to have another search made.

Senator Stevens put in a bill appropriating an additional \$75,000, making \$375,000 in all, for this State's exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition.

An appropriation of \$200,000 is made for a State College of Agriculture at Cobleskill Schenectady county, by a bill introduced by Senator Warnock.

A bill of Senator Elsborg authorizes the New York City Board of Estimate and Apportionment to permit the Federal Government to connect the new custom house with the appraisers warehouse with a pneumatic tube service.

The inspectors and captains of the New York City Police Department want their pay increased. They contend that if the responsibilities of their positions, inspectors and captains will not be so susceptible to graft and that more competent men can be secured. Assemblyman Finch to-night introduced a bill, which has the approval of former Police Commissioner Greene, Dr. C. H. Parkhurst and District Attorney Jerome. The inspectors want \$5,000 a year salary and the captains \$3,500. When retired on pension they are to receive \$3,500, and \$1,500 respectively.

Several bills have been introduced in both houses of the Legislature this year further simplifying the laws applicable to stock corporations. Two additional bills have been prepared by Frank White, the corporation specialist. One proposes to do away with the necessity of a stockholders' meeting when the unanimous consent of the stockholders to the change is obtainable, and to permit an increase or reduction of directors, to take effect immediately upon the filing of the written consent signed by all the stockholders or their proxies.

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The New York City Republican Assemblymen were not in accord to-night and the Assembly gave an idea of what it regards house rule. Assemblyman Adams, of New York City, made a protest against the Assemblyman Adams's bill, providing that probationary officers shall rank as police sergeants and receive the pay of sergeants in New York City.

This is one of Abner Gruber's bills, and he came to Albany to advocate its passage. To-night it was the subject of a long and reading calendar. Mr. Prentice was joined by Assemblymen Perham and Wallace, also New York City Republicans, in opposing the bill as being a direct violation of the civil service laws and an imposition on the city. Mr. Prentice offered an amendment.

Up-State members of the Assembly sided with Mr. Adams and despite the fact that all of the New York City Republicans voted for the amendment, the bill was defeated. Mr. Adams and Mr. Finch, who tried to dodge being recorded on the proposition, it was defeated. The bill was advanced to a later date.

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LITHOGRAPHERS VOTE TO STRIKE

Also Against the Besser Arbitration Plan and for Higher Wages.

The New York Lithographic Artists and Designers' League has followed the example of the Lithographers' Union, consisting of the lithographic printers, in rejecting the ultimatum of the Employing Lithographers' Association. The employers called on the workers to accept an arbitration agreement by March 15 for a lockout of union men. The open shop will follow the rejection of the plan.

The league rejected arbitration at a meeting in Old Fellows' Hall in St. Mark's place by a vote of 174 to 14. By a vote of 197 to 3 they decided to strike before March 15 if demands for higher wages are not granted, and by an overwhelming vote they decided in favor of a central trades council of all lithographic workers.

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BOND HAS NOT RESIGNED.

ODELL WANTS HIM TO WAIT UNTIL LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS.

Then He Can Appoint Bond's Successor as State Engineer and Give Full Control of the Barge Canal Work and Expenditure—H. A. Van Alstine His Choice.

ALBANY, Feb. 29.—State Engineer and Surveyor Edward A. Bond, although appointed a member of Gov. Odell's advisory commission for the construction of the \$101,000,000 barge canal nearly two weeks ago, has not yet tendered his resignation as State Engineer. Mr. Bond had been out of town until last Friday, and of course was unable to tender his resignation while the Governor was in New York fixing things for his boss-ship of the Republican organization. He wants to confer with the Governor before he resigns his \$5,000 a year position for one that is to pay him \$5,000, as the Governor may not want him to resign until after the Legislature adjourns. It is taken as an assured fact that the Governor desires to appoint Henry A. Van Alstine of North Chatham, Columbia county, to succeed Mr. Bond. If he does that, then his control of the barge canal work will be complete.

Mr. Van Alstine is a young man who has had experience in dealing with contractors on canal improvement work. He served the Furnaceville Iron Company, a canal contracting corporation, of which Edward H. Harriman, Gov. Odell's personal friend, has the controlling interest, in a valuable capacity, and he may be able to make himself useful again to corporations in which Gov. Odell is interested. "For this reason the Governor is anxious to have him made the successor of Mr. Bond."

But if Mr. Bond resigns while the Legislature is in session, some members of the Legislature may look askance upon Mr. Van Alstine's connection with the Furnaceville Iron Company and refuse to vote for his election as State Engineer.

If Mr. Bond resigns after the Legislature adjourns then the Governor may make the appointment and in view of the circumstances, Mr. Bond is evidently very much up a tree as to what course he is to pursue. Gov. Odell has reported an amount of money as to his wishes, and Mr. Bond will, no doubt, be bound by them, as the Governor is now the boss.

There is no hurry for Mr. Bond to resign, for the estimates for the barge canal work will not be ready before the last of May or the first of June.

The Major Symonds, who was named as one of the Advisory Canal Commission, has found that he can be spared from superintending the construction of the White House for social functions, and will serve on the Commission.

Building and Loan Concerns.

Supt. Kilburn Reports That in Some Localities They Are in Ill Repute.

ALBANY, Feb. 29.—Superintendent of State Banking Frederick D. Kilburn, in his annual report to the Legislature on building and loan associations, declares that as a result of the scandals attending the failure of dishonestly conducted associations and the disappointments of investors, the voluntary but necessary liquidation of mismanaged companies, the associations in some localities are now in as ill repute as they were formerly popular, and in two cities of the State the majority of existing associations have been in practical liquidation for some time. As to the conditions which have led to this result the report says:

"Erroneous opinions were formed as to the earning power of such corporations, partially as a result of ignorance of the actual working of the system and partially as a result of the wilful misrepresentations of promoters and soliciting agents."

The report says that a comparison with last year shows that the reported assets of the national associations have decreased from \$10,000,000, and the reported assets of the local associations have decreased from \$500,000. The great decrease in the reported assets of the national associations, the report says, is due to the elimination of the New York Building Loan Association, which last year reported assets aggregating \$8,861,000, and to the continued liquidation of a number of moribund institutions of this class.

The local associations of the Borough of Manhattan have made a creditable record. The total reported assets of all the existing associations of the borough on Dec. 31, 1903, amounted to \$15,418,343, and the assets of the local associations on the same date amounted to \$15,418,343, and the assets of the local associations on the same date amounted to \$15,418,343.

The total reported assets of all the associations of the State on Dec. 31, 1903, was \$4,899,906, and the total operating expenses for the year ended on Dec. 31, 1903, were \$1,000,000, or 1.8 per cent. of the assets. The accumulated capital, consisting of the dues and dividends paid to members, including the amount due the holders of matured stock, amounted to \$38,776,570. The operating expenses were, therefore, 1.84 per cent. of the accumulated capital.

The Justice Hooker Charges.

Grievance Committee of State Bar Association Takes Up His Case To-day.

ALBANY, Feb. 29.—The case of Supreme Court Justice Warren B. Hooker, who is charged by the Justice Hooker charges, with complicity in the post office scandals at Dunkirk and Fredonia, his home town in Chautauque county, the charges being based on the disclosures in the recent report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristol, will be taken up for consideration by the grievance committee of the State Bar Association at a meeting in this city to-morrow.

The spectacle of a Supreme Court Justice being called before a tribunal of his peers to defend his reputation from scandal and to free the ermine from dishonor is something that has not happened before in this State. While the case is being tried, the reputation of the friends of the accused Justice will strain every nerve to prevent the publication of any of the evidence which may be detrimental to Justice Hooker.

The proceedings of the grievance committee are secret. If the committee finds the charges against Justice Hooker to be true, it is recommended for dismissal from membership in the association, the next step would doubtless be the institution of impeachment proceedings against him in the Legislature, and in such a contingency not even the friendship of his chum of the Tape worm Club, Gov. Odell, new State Senator, would be of much avail.

Secretary Wadhams of the State Bar Association said to-day that the grievance committee would meet to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the Appellate Court room of this City Hall, in this city. He said he supposed that the committee would follow the usual procedure in such cases. A representative of the Jamestown Bar Association is expected to attend the meeting.

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SNOWBOUND AGAIN.

Heavy Snowfall and Blizzard in Northern New York Tie Up the Railroads.

UTICA, Feb. 29.—The railroads penetrating northern New York are again experiencing great interruption to traffic on account of the heavy snowfall of yesterday and the fierce blizzard which blew out of the West late this afternoon. A number of passenger trains have been abandoned, but the railroad officials are making strenuous efforts to run others, coupling two and three locomotives to each train, and trusting to luck for them to reach their destinations.

A passenger train on the Black River division of the Bore, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad, due here last night, arrived at noon to-day. Three trainloads of milk from northern New York, destined for New York and due in Utica last night, were delayed, passed through here late to-day. A snowplough in use near Alder Creek last night became derailed, and the wrecking crew burned it at the nearest way station, clearing away the obstruction.

After yesterday's terrific storm the railroad authorities had hoped to restore normal conditions on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg and the Mohawk and Malone roads by to-night, but the arrival of another blizzard, the heaviest in the plans, the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg system has been completely tied up by snow eleven times during the winter, an unprecedented record for that railroad.

Snowstorm in Rochester.

It Ties Up Street Car Traffic—Was Accompanied by Thunder and Lightning.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 29.—Seven inches of snow fell in a very few hours this afternoon and early this evening, causing a complete suspension of street car traffic to-night. It was the most severe storm of the winter while it lasted. It came almost without warning. A peculiar feature of it was that it was accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning.

The storm disappeared to-night almost as quickly as it had come, and was followed by a heavy rain. The snow was blown off the roofs of the city hall and the snow on the streets was blown off by the wind. The roads are all blocked by immense banks of snow.

Police Raid Two Dives.

Capt. Tighe and His Men Get Thirty-five Prisoners.

Police Captain Tighe, who was only recently transferred to the Mercer street station, raided two dives last night. He and his men got thirty-five prisoners. The dives were located at the corner of Third and Third streets, and the police captured fifteen men and women, black and white. At the Knickerbocker, 125 Macdougall street, twenty more were captured.

Greatest of Birthdays.

All the Eight-Year-Old Leap Year Boys and Girls Had High Jinks.

Very few of the leap year birthday folks failed to have some celebration of the day. After an eight years wait it was an opportunity not to let slip. The eight-year-olds by lapse of time would not have let it go by for anything.

Many Frances Dargins, the daughter of Leon Dargin, of 430 West 118th street, surrounded by nearly a score of other children, all of them cousins, celebrated their eighth birthday last night. The party was given at the home of the Dargins, and was a very successful one. The guests were all of the same age, and the party was a very successful one.

Motor Boat Control.

National Automobile Association Likely to Assume Jurisdiction.

There is a fair prospect of conflict over the jurisdiction of motor boat racing under the new law that has been passed by the Legislature. The National Automobile Association likely to assume jurisdiction.

The Power Boat Association has been organized and has formulated a set of rules, it is likely that the American Automobile Association will step in and assume control.

There is a strong sentiment in the Automobile Club of America in favor of such a move and the club has been a prominent factor in the national body since its formation, by appointing a motor boat committee, consisting of W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Peter Cooper Hewitt and John Jacob Astor.

A. R. Partridge, chairman of the racing board of the A. A. A., is strongly in favor of the national organization assuming control of motor boat racing and has written a letter to the executive committee of the A. A. A., recommending the appointment of a special committee for the purpose. Yesterday Mr. Partridge threw out a suggestion that the control of the sport should be begun by the A. A. A., promoting a big race on the Hudson from New York to Albany, and the Hudson River Regatta, the control of the new style power boats by the Automobile Association point to the fact that the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland has done so in the United Kingdom and has promoted a big race from London to Liverpool.

They also urge the fact that automobile makers generally are engaged in the manufacture of auto boats, and argue that a national body should be created to control the industry, which is a new field for the undertaking than a newly formed body. The executive committee of the American Automobile Association met to-day at the Hotel Hamilton, and the chairman of the racing committee, it is expected that the question of boat racing will come up at the same time.

The Weather.

There was a storm central over Missouri yesterday moving northeastward with increasing energy; the winds becoming high to high in the central States and Lake region, and falling in the eastern States. Wisconsin and Michigan, rain and snow in Maryland and New York, and rain in Delaware, Pennsylvania and Virginia. A second storm forming north of Montana. Fair weather prevailed in the south Atlantic, Gulf and Rocky Mountain States. The pressure was high over the British Isles and the Atlantic, and low over the Pacific Coast States.

The temperature was higher except in the northern part of the Lake region and in the Southwest. No snow on the ground, but it is generally below the freezing point in the afternoon.

DEFIANT MOROS WIPED OUT.

Gen. Wood Reports Lively Fight with Jolo Islanders.

Seven Americans Wounded—Nearly All but Hassan, Leader of Moros, Captured or Killed—His Capture Expected—Natives Twice Declined to Surrender.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. MANILA, Feb. 29.—Gen. Wood reports that Major Scott's cavalry expedition, assisted by troops of the friendly Sultan, engaged the recalcitrant Datto, Panglima Hassan, the boss of the hostile leaders, near Siet Lake, in Jolo, capturing the stronghold of his defiant kinsman, Laksamana, Lieut. West and seven men were wounded. At last reports Hassan was surrounded.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—News of another fight between American troops of Gen. Wood's command and the Moros of Bulu was received at the War Department to-day in a cablegram from Gen. Wade, at Manila. The despatch says:

"Major-General Leonard Wood reports an engagement in Jolo on Feb. 14, Major Hugh L. Scott with the Third Squadron, Fourteenth Cavalry, and a single gun of Eighteenth Battery of field artillery against the remnants of Hassan's Moros, who have constantly been giving trouble since the action last November."

Major Hugh L. Scott attacked their camp and took it after a lively fight. During the fighting there was twice stopped to give the Moros chance to surrender, but they declined.

"All are dead or captured but Hassan, who is located. Friendly Dattos assisted the troops. Cable not working accounts for delay in getting news."

Losses—Wounded—Second Lieut. Eugene R. West, serious; Harburt, Troop 1, Fourteenth Cavalry, right side; Hinders, Troop 1, Fourteenth Cavalry, shoulder; White, Eighteenth Battery, field artillery, right leg, knee; Callaway, Troop 1, Fourteenth Cavalry, right arm; Cox, Eighteenth Battery, field artillery, shoulder; Hanifan, Troop 1, Fourteenth Cavalry, thigh, slight."

Second Lieut. Eugene R. West belongs to the Eighteenth Battery of Artillery now on duty in the Philippines. He was born on Dec. 4, 1878, at Bellevue, Bedford county, Va., and is a son of Thomas S. West, of that place. He was appointed a cadet in the Military Academy in June, 1897, was graduated in February, 1901, and was assigned to the Artillery Corps.

LORD FRANCIS HOPE WEDS.

Former Husband of May Yohé Married an Australian Girl.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 29.—Lord Francis Hope, whose first wife was May Yohé, the actress, Lord Francis has been married Miss Olivia Thompson, the daughter of a banker of Melbourne, last Saturday.

May Yohé, originally an American chorus girl, appeared with some success on the English stage. She retired when she married Lord Francis Hope, brother of the Duke of Newcastle. In a few years Lord Francis had inherited a large share of his inheritance. The couple came to this city in 1901, and May Yohé returned to the stage. Here she met Capt. Putnam Bradley Strong, son of the late Mayor Strong. They eloped and went to Japan. Lord Francis then secured a divorce. In 1902 Lord Francis was injured while on a hunting trip, and his foot was amputated.

VERNON-HARBOUT TO RETIRE.

Sir William, at 77 and in Poor Health, Will Leave House of Commons.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 29.—Sir William Vernon-Harcourt announces that he will not seek reelection to the House of Commons, where he has for a long time been a leading figure among the Liberals. He gives his age and ill health as the reasons for his determination.

Art Treasures Spoiled in the Oscar II.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. COPENHAGEN, Feb. 29.—The damage done to the steamer Oscar II., which took ground and was beached while attempting to enter this port, is covered by insurance. A number of art treasures, valued at \$20,000, belonging to the late Danish-American artist, who resided in the Grant monument in Washington, have been spoiled by water.

Set Fire to American's S'gar Estate.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, Feb. 29.—Incendiaries set fire to the S'gar estate, near Genoa, owned by a Cuban, belonging to Mr. Atkins, an American. The fire was extinguished by the employees.

Anglo-Spanish Arbitration Treaty.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 29.—A treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and Spain was signed last Saturday.

Strike of Asphalt Workers Threatened.

A strike of 1,400 asphalt workers employed throughout the city by the Barbour Asphalt Company in account of alleged discrimination against union men is threatened. With a view to head it off, a conference was held yesterday at 134 East Thirty-fourth street between representatives of the Pavers and Ramblers' Union and the company. Another will be held to-day.

RACETRACK FOR NEWPORT.

Freeminent Men Enlisted to Provide Course for Horses and Automobiles.

NEWPORT, R. I., Feb. 29.—A number of New Yorkers who are prominent in horse and automobile racing were to-night asked to the committee of business men appointed to select a site for a summer resort, and to provide a permanent home for the racing. There is every reason to believe that Newport will have